

GREEKS FIRE ON FRENCH IS REPORT

Refuse to Surrender Saloniki Fort
to Allies as Requested; Russian
Commander in North is
Relieved

SPAIN IS MAKING WARLIKE MOVES

May Be Planning to Enter on Side
of Teutons Taking Gibraltar
and Portugal; Ford Finds
More Favor

By United Press.
Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Frankfurter
Zeitung prints a dispatch today say-
ing that the Greek gunners at Fort
Karaburnu, which dominates Saloniki,
fired on a French detachment which
failed to halt at the sentry's com-
mand and that the French fled.

The Greeks continue to hold the
fort in spite of French requests that
it be turned over to the allies.

Russ General Relieved.
By United Press.
Petrograd, Dec. 21.—General Ruzsky
has been relieved of the command
of the Russian northern army defend-
ing the Riga-Dvinsk line. "Ill health"
was assigned as the reason.

Mrs. Asquith Wins Suit.
By United Press.
London, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Asquith,
wife of the premier, won her suit to
prevent the London Globe from con-
tinuing to make alleged libelous at-
tacks on her.

Spain to Fight?
By United Press.
New York, Dec. 21.—According to
reports, the Spanish government has
purchased several million rounds of
rifle ammunition and established a
thirty-million dollar credit loan for the
purpose of buying other munitions of
war.

Get New Rifles.
By United Press.
Gibraltar, Dec. 21.—Spanish officials
have authorized sixty thousand sol-
diers to substitute Remington rifles
of the latest pattern for Mausers. Re-
cruits are constantly drilling.

Ford Reported Ill.
By United Press.
Christiana, Dec. 21.—Henry Ford is
confined to his bed and is possibly
seriously ill. The peace party will re-
main here until he has fully recov-
ered.

Public opinion in Norway has veered
in Ford's favor. The newspapers now
describe him as a man of admirable
personality, but they continue to
"kid" the delegates.

The Aftenpost accuses Madame
Schwimmer, the Hungarian delegates,
of cabling from New York to Europe
imaginary peace committees for the
purpose of fooling Ford.

The belligerent nations have sent
spies to Christiana to ascertain
whether any ulterior motive prompted
the peace cry.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND BRIDE CLOSELY GUARDED

By United Press.
Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 21.—A double
guard composed of secret service men
and hotel employees continue to keep
the public away from President Wilson
and his bride, who are spending their
honeymoon here.

VILLA PLEA IS REFUSED

By United Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Accord-
ing to advices received here today,
General Obregon has refused to heed
Villa's plea for personal amnesty.
Villa's wife crossed the border yester-
day at El Paso, taking with her a
large amount of Villa's personal prop-
erty.

PUTS ONE OVER PROPRIETOR

By United Press.
Galveston, Tex., Dec. 21.—R. I. Lo-
gan left twenty-two thousand dollars
at the Tremont hotel here as security
for an eight-dollar board bill, but still
the proprietor is not satisfied. It was
discovered today that the money is
counterfeit.

Embezzlement is Charge Against Coyle

County Attorney Venable this morn-
ing filed information against J. H.
Coyle, charging him with embezzling
funds of the Teamsters' Union.
Chickasha Local No. 241, in the sum
of \$750. The information, which is
sworn to by Len Burch, president of
the local, sets forth that on or about
May 1, 1915, the defendant while
serving as secretary and treasurer of
the Chickasha local of the Interna-
tional Brotherhood of Teamsters,
Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers
did by and through virtue of his of-
fice come into the funds of the local
in the sum above set forth and that
he did feloniously embezzle the same.

Coyle was arraigned before Judge
Davenport of the county court at 11
o'clock this morning and held under
bond in the sum of \$750 for his ap-
pearance on Friday, December 31. In
default of bond the defendant was re-
manded to jail. Defendant is bonded
as secretary-treasurer of the local
teamsters in the sum of \$500 by a
bonding company.

DEATH CLAIMS FORMER RESIDENT OF CHICKASHA

Mrs. John Pottenger received a tel-
egram today from F. D. Lemon, Los
Angeles, Cal., announcing the death
early this morning of Mrs. A. C. Jack-
man, a former resident of this city.
The deceased was a sister of Mrs. Pot-
tenger and Mrs. Lemon and she had
another sister, Mrs. J. E. Ellis, Los
Angeles. Mrs. Jackman was nearly
78 years of age. The family moved
to Los Angeles from Chickasha about
five years ago. Interment will take
place in Waterloo, Ind., where Mr.
Jackman was buried about two years
ago. Mrs. Jackman was greatly loved
by many friends here.

GERMANS REGISTERING PEOPLE OF RUSSIAN POLAND



There seems to be little doubt that the Germans intend to settle down permanently in Russian Poland. They are now registering all the inhabitants of the conquered districts in Poland. They also photograph them. Some 250 photographers are engaged in this gigantic task. The picture shows a number of Polish Jews, all tagged with numbers, being photographed.

SAYS WAY IS OPEN TO SETTLE IT

Count Tisza, Close to Emperor,
Thinks Controversy With Austria
Can Be Adjusted if Washing-
ton "Keeps Cool"

By United Press.
Berlin, Dec. 21.—Count Stephen
Tisza, next to Emperor Franz Joseph,
the strongest man in the dual mon-
archy, assured the United Press cor-
respondent today that there will be
no quarrel between Austria-Hungary
and the United States if Washington
keeps cool.

"There is no reason why there
should be any trouble over the An-
cona situation," said the count. "It
must be settled satisfactorily, not only
from the viewpoint of the United
States, but ours also. The only way
to reach a settlement is through cor-
respondence which may suggest the
means. The matter does not depend
upon us entirely."

Rock Island Company is Sued by Laborer

Through his attorney, Judge E. F.
Baker, Alton Ellis today filed suit in
the district court for damages in the
sum of \$1,750 for personal injuries re-
ceived through the alleged neglect of
the defendant, the C. R. I. & P. Ry. Co.
The suit is filed against the recep-
tacles of the railway company and the
plaintiff alleges in his petition that
on September 16, while employed by
the defendant company as a laborer,
he was assisting in loading a freight
car and was injured by a barrel of
oil rolling on him which "broke his
ribs, smashed, crushed and bruised
him about the body, sides, back and
kidneys."

Plaintiff alleges further in his peti-
tion that he has been permanently in-
jured and has suffered and still suf-
fers great bodily and mental pain and
anguish all through the neglect of the
defendant company to fix their loading
platform in such a manner that it
would not be in a dangerous and un-
safe condition.

"BLACKBIRDS" FLY SUDDENLY

You have seen blackbirds in the fall
of the year, and you have noted how
they whirled and whirled and bunched
up and "hit," and then, when fright-
ened, would suddenly whirl and whirl
and bunch up again and fly away off
yonder to bunch up? If you have, then
you can have some conception of the
manner in which the "blackbirds"—
ones without wings up to date—got
about and "scurried" about and did
everything except fly when Officers
Jack Marshall and Bob Boies de-
scended on Dr. Graham's place of
business on "Two" street Saturday
night and started in to find out if
there was really a crap game in pro-
gress or if the inhabitants of one of
the rooms at the rear of the house
were only talking to "Little Jo" and
"Miss Liz" and "Liza Jane" and
"come along mah Honey Gal."

Someone had tipped the officers that
dice and "cyards" were in evidence
at the place and number. So they in-
vestigated. Unfortunately the "Doc-
tor's" place of business is well pro-
vided with doors. Like the famous
Light Brigade was surrounded and
confronted and enflanked with can-
non, so it was with the officers when
they sought to come down on the
gamesters. With doors to right of
them and doors to left of them and
doors in front of them and doors be-
hind them, "Bob" and "Jack" stood
small show of stemming the tide of
wingless blackbirds which poured
from the numerous exits. Pedestrians
who chanced to be passing by at the
time said the scenery for two blocks
around was simply alive with squirm-
ing, wriggling, evaporating "called
gamesters."

Officer Marshall succeeded in get-
ting one negro corralled and started
with him to the station house, but
the prisoner availed himself of a
slight opening in the officer's guard
and took to the tall grass alleyway.
"Halt" commanded the officer.
"Barred off." Whizz, went the pris-
oner through the parting atmosphere.
"Bang!" spoke the officer's trusty au-
tomatic. And then the escaping pris-
oner found the alley. He encoun-
tered a picket fence on the way, but
that did not bother him in the least.
The officer avers that the negro car-
ried down three panels of that fence
at one swipe and the last seen of
him he was only touching the earth
about every forty-seven feet and
jumping so far and so high that he,
like Lat Lovinwood in his famous
race with the sheriff, made "three
runnin' motions before he lit every
time he jumped."

WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

Germany's "crushing Russian
Victory" claim was exploded.
The allies' western drive was
checked by the Kaiser's men.
The French chamber of de-
puties met in Paris for the first
time since last August.
Admiral von Tirpitz said Ger-
man submarines might block-
ade England and "starve her
into submission."

DINNERS FOR NEEDY PLANNED

United Charities Workers Meet at
City Hall Thursday Afternoon
to Prepare Baskets; Dona-
tions Will Be Welcome

The ladies of the United Charities
will pack their baskets of Christmas
cheer Thursday afternoon at the City
Hall. A large number of well-filled
baskets, containing such things as
will gladden the hearts of those upon
good fortune has failed to lavish at-
tentions, will be distributed by the
ladies and they earnestly ask all who
care to contribute to this worthy cause
to send their donations to the City
Hall as early Thursday morning as
they conveniently can.

The ladies of the United Charities
have made a careful investigation of
conditions among the worthy poor of
Chickasha and are doing all that may
be done to let those families know
that Santa Claus is a reality and not
a myth.

After the baskets have been prop-
erly filled they will be distributed in
the name of good old saint who has
been enshrined in the hearts of in-
nocent childhood for nearly two thou-
sand years.

City Employees Will Get Christmas Cheer

Thursday morning the employees of
the city of Chickasha will draw down
Christmas cheer to the value of \$2,341
and possibly proceed to hand a bunch
of it over to Santa Claus. The city
will pay off all salaries for the month
of December on Thursday morning in
order that all employees may be af-
forded the opportunity of helping the
ladies of the United Charities with
donations toward their Christmas
baskets.

December's payroll will be divided
as follows: Salaries of all city of-
ficials, including police officers, \$977;
salaries firemen, including chief, two
captains and three drivers, \$700; sal-
aries water department employees, in-
cluding superintendent, clerk, en-
gineer and repairing force, \$385; sal-
aries bridge and street department,
including street commissioner, fore-
man, one teamster and night street
sweeper, \$279.

WEATHER ELSEWHERE.
Texas: Clear, temperature 24 to 45.
No rain; scattered frosts.
Oklahoma: Clear, temperature 20
to 45; no rain.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

By United Press.
Ashdown, Ark., Dec. 21.—Officers
here captured two men who are sus-
pected of having been connected with
the recent holdup of a Kansas City
Southern passenger train. One of the
bandits was seriously wounded.

JUDGE LINN APPOINTED

Judge Will Linn of this judicial
district has been notified by Governor
of his appointment to a commission
known as the "district judge division"
of that body.
Judge Linn left Chickasha early
this morning and could not be seen
in the matter. However, it is under-
stood in local court circles that Judge
Linn on a former occasion declined
the same honor, but is undecided at
this time whether or not to accept the
appointment.

BANDIT IS GIVEN 15 YEARS MORE

By United Press.
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 21.—David Widner,
the Oklahoma bandit, who is already
under a sentence of ninety-nine years,
was given fifteen years more here this
morning on the charge of attempted
murder.

Interesting Session Held by Night School

Last Saturday night was an inter-
esting occasion at the "moonlight"
school at the North building.
Hon. R. H. Wilson was not present,
having been detained in Oklahoma
City on business, but Senator O'Neill
took his place and delivered a very
interesting address to the students.
He told them that it took a great deal
of pluck for men and women to come
to night school after having worked
all day, but that they would be re-
paid a hundredfold. He gave many
examples of great men in history who
had not the advantages of an educa-
tion in their youth, but who by energy
and perseverance had reached a high
mark. He said: "It is no disgrace
for a man or woman to be without
an education, but it is a disgrace to
remain so when an opportunity is of-
fered to secure one."

LARGE VOLUME OF LITIGATION DURING YEAR

The year 1915 has been the heaviest
year in point of civil law suits filed
since 1908, the first year of state-
hood.
An epitome of the civil law busi-
ness of Grady county, prepared by
Mr. Edna T. Watkins, chief deputy
in the court clerk's office, shows that
in 1908 there were a total of 409 law
suits of all kinds filed, while up to
and including Monday, December 20,
1915, 376 law suits of all kinds were
filed.
Nineteen-fifteen also runs nineteen-
eight a close second in the number
of marriage licenses issued and the
number of divorce suits filed and di-
vorces granted. During the year 1908
there were 349 marriage licenses is-
sued, while 38 couples tired of "mar-
ried infelicity" and sought the relief
of the courts. During 1915, up to
and including Monday, December 20,

DRINKING IN ENGLAND IS CUT DOWN

Anti-Treating Law is Rigidly En-
forced in London and Other
Cities Resulting in Fewer
"Jag" Arrests

CAFES AND PUBLIC HOUSES HARD HIT

Bar Receipts Show Heavy Decrease;
Police Court Cases in World
Metropolis Fall from 1000
to 600 Per Week

(By Wilbur S. Forrest, United Press
Staff Correspondent.)
London, Dec. 21.—(By mail.)—Lon-
don's anti-treating law is no joke. It
is no American Sunday closing affair.
It's the real, unadulterated article.
When American city fathers agree
that there shall be no Sunday saloons
they draw up their ordinance and
notify the saloon keepers. But they
don't lock the back doors. England
does. Also the windows. Also the cellars.
The vast difference between Ameri-
can and British observance is start-
lingly shown in the effects of this
latest step against intemperance. In
one month drinking has diminished 25
to 40 per cent in England. Drunken-
ness is down 40 per cent and still de-
creasing. Careful investigation proves
today that there is no treating in Lon-
don.

Fashionable cafes in London's down-
town district now have many empty
chairs. Leading hotel bars lack the
little groups of "stragglers" who gath-
ered daily to discuss the war over
whisky and soda. Professional
"moochers," well known in London,
have been annihilated by the law
which says they may have no drink
unless they pay for it.
Semi-respectable restaurant-public-
houses have been hard hit. No groups
gather to talk over ale and bitter.
The patrons are drinking almost pa-
thetically alone. The lower class of
public house has suffered less. Labor-
ers still drop in for their morning and
evening nip or tankard of ale. They
paid for it themselves before, any-
how. At a certain American bar and
hotel well known to Americans, the
veteran barmaid who makes the best
Bronx cocktail in England admits she
isn't making so many nowadays. She
knows many of the most prominent
Americans in London and many who
frequently come over, but she admits
she's not seeing them so often.

The secretary of one of London's
largest clubs declares that two drinks
are now being taken where three were
consumed before. The manager of a
well known West End cafe admits that
his daily bar receipts are off nearly
40 per cent. There is no one to buy
for "the other fellow." Police court
figures show that where London pro-
duced 1,000 arrests weekly for drunk-
ness before, there are now not more
than 600.

In other parts of England and in
Wales and Scotland, where the law is
effective, police figures sum up that
where there were 600 convictions for
drunkenness there are now 400. In
Liverpool during the month preceding
the non-treating order there were 193
arrests and in the following month
but 125. In Newcastle there were 75
against 41, Durham 59 against 34,
Northumberland 40 against 25, and
Cardiff 6 against 1.
around 89 men who had promised to
"love, cherish and protect" 89 women
who had in turn promised to "love,
honor and obey," had applied to the
courts for a correction and a modifica-
tion of those statements.
Of the 89 languishing maidens and
lovesick swains who had sought the
preachers' services and then called
upon the court to unspeak the words
of the "man of God," the court has,
for reasons satisfactory to the laws,
dismissed the complaints of eleven.
Out of the total number of those
divorced eleven couple have thus far
during the present year remarried,
determined to show fate that they
are willing for each other's sakes to
defy and to try again to "dwell to-
gether in peace and unity."